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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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As you know, the House has passed its intelligence authorization bill. The Senate authorization bill has not yet emerged from the Armed Services Committee where it is being considered under the sequential referral provisions established by the Senate.

SSCI staffers advise that once the SAC releases the bill and the two Chairmen have met, the bill will be placed on the Senate calendar for floor action. Their best guess is that such a sequence of events will take at least two weeks. After the bill is acted upon, however, the staff expects that the authorization conference to be scheduled very quickly.

Our appeal to the authorization conference is signed and ready to go. We have held it since, technically it shouldn't be delivered until we actually have a bill from both Houses (there is an outside chance that the floor debate could alter the Senate bill, although no one expects that to happen).

I feel we can assist the process and smooth the staff's workload and ours if we provide them with an unsigned advanced copy of the appeal, reserving the right to change it as might be required by Committee or floor actions. I, therefore, propose to deliver an advanced copy to each staff early next week.

✓ cc: Legislative Counsel

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